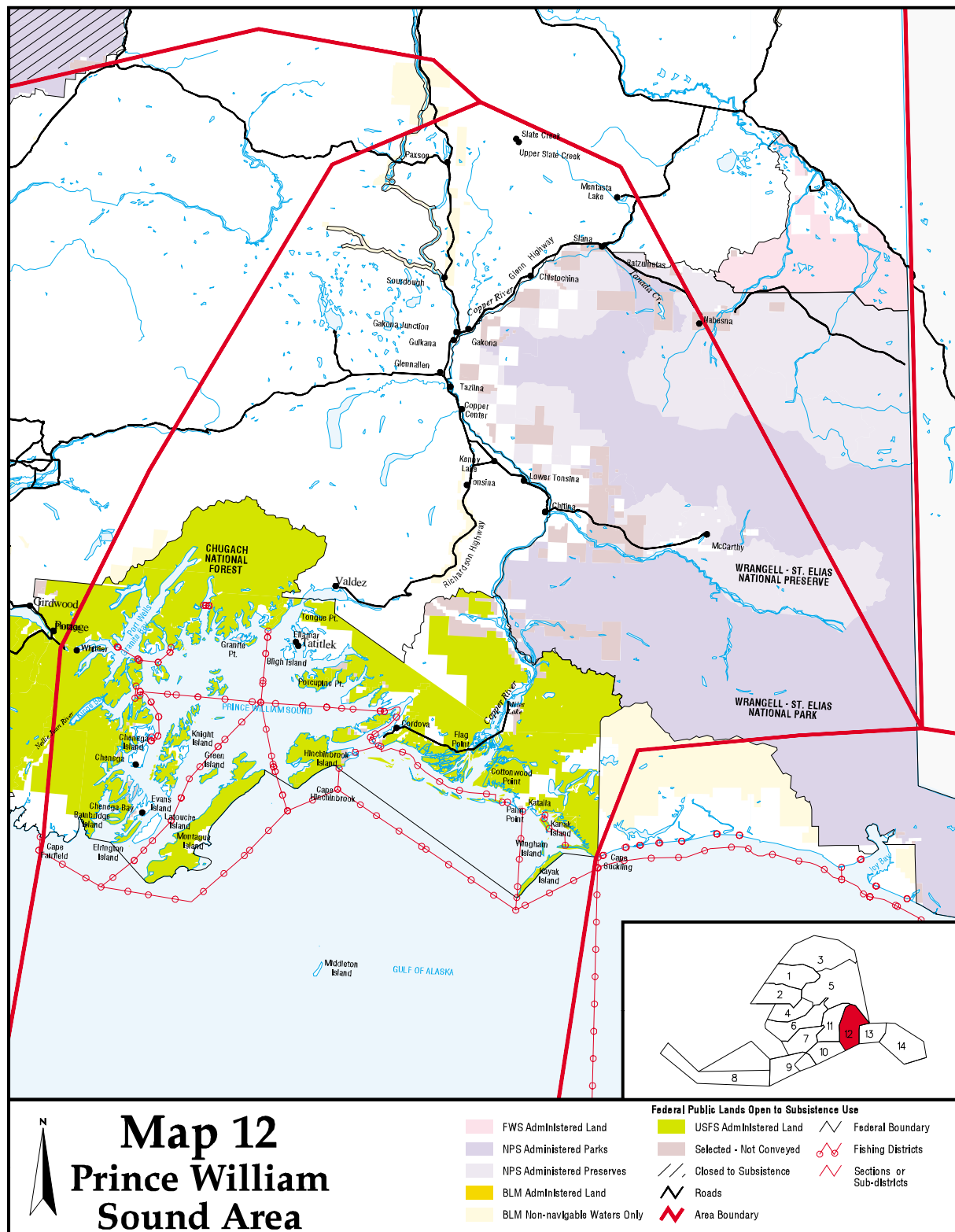


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The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between the longitude of Cape Fairfield and the longitude of Cape Suckling. [See map on page 38.]

Customary and Traditional Use Determinations:

Southwestern District and Green Island. Residents of the Southwestern District (mainland waters from the outer point on the north shore of Granite Bay to Cape Fairfield, and Knight Island, Chenega Island, Bainbridge Island, Evans Island, Elrington Island, Latouche Island, and adjacent islands) may take **salmon** for customary and traditional uses.

North of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point. Residents of the villages of Tatitlek and Ellamar may take **salmon** for customary and traditional uses.

Copper River. Residents of the Prince William Sound Area may take **salmon** in the Glennallen Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District and the waters of the Copper River near the mouth of and in Tanada Creek as identified by ADF&G regulatory markers for customary and traditional uses.

General Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE PERMIT REQUIRED. You may take **fish** at any time in the Prince William Sound Area, except for **salmon**, **rainbow trout**, **steelhead trout**, and **freshwater fish** species, for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, unless restricted below.

You may take **salmon** and **freshwater fish species** only with a subsistence fishing permit. Only one subsistence fishing permit will be issued to each household per year. You may not possess salmon taken under an Upper Copper River District subsistence fishing permit unless both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin have been immediately removed from the salmon.

If you take **rainbow trout** and **steelhead trout** incidentally in other subsistence net fisheries, you may retain them for subsistence purposes.

You may take **herring spawn on kelp** for subsistence purposes from above water from March 15 through June 15 and underwater using dive gear only during open periods for the wild herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery.

You may take **halibut** only by a single hand-held line with not more than two hooks attached to it. The daily harvest limit for halibut is two fish and the possession limit is two daily harvest limits. You may not possess sport-taken and subsistence-taken halibut on the same day.

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Regulations:

Upper Copper River District. You may take **salmon** in the Upper Copper River District only as outlined below:

- Glennallen Subdistrict, from June 1 through September 30.
- You may not take salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict.

Batzulnetas. Residents of Mentasta Village may take **salmon**, other than **chinook salmon**, in the vicinity of the former Native village of Batzulnetas, and only with a Batzulnetas subsistence salmon fishing permit issued by ADF&G and under the following conditions:

- You may take salmon only in those waters of the Copper River between ADF&G regulatory markers located near the mouth of Tanada Creek and approximately one-half mile downstream from that mouth and in Tanada Creek between ADF&G regulatory markers identifying the open waters of the creek.
- Copper River. You may use only fishwheels and dip nets on the Copper River
- Tanada Creek. You may use only dip nets and spears in Tanada Creek
- You may take salmon other than chinook salmon only from June 1 through September 1 or until you have taken 1000 sockeye salmon, whichever comes first. You may not take more than 250 salmon in one week.
- You must release **chinook salmon** to the water unharmed. You must have a livebox on your fishwheel or monitor it at all times.

You must return the permit no later than September 30.

Southwestern District and Green Island. You may take salmon for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters of the Southwestern District and along the northwestern shore of Green Island from the westernmost tip of the island to the northernmost tip, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length, except that you may take **pink salmon** only in fresh water using dip nets.
- You may take salmon only from May 15 until two days before the commercial opening of the Southwestern District, seven days per week.
- You may take salmon only during open commercial salmon fishing season periods; and from two days following the closure of the commercial salmon season until September 30, seven days per week.

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REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

You may not fish within waters closed to commercial salmon fishing.

You may take **salmon** for subsistence purposes with no harvest or possession limits in those waters north of a line from Porcupine Point to Granite Point, and south of a line from Point Lowe to Tongue Point, only as follows:

- You may use seines up to 50 fathoms in length and 100 meshes deep with a maximum mesh size of four inches, or gillnets up to 150 fathoms in length with a maximum mesh size of six and one-quarter inches, except that you may only take **pink salmon** in fresh water using dip nets.

You may take **salmon** only from May 15 until two days before the commercial opening of the Eastern District, seven days per week during the commercial salmon fishing season, only during open commercial salmon fishing periods.

- You may also take salmon from two days following the closure of the commercial salmon season until October 31, seven days per week.
- You may not fish within waters closed to commercial salmon fishing.

Copper River tributaries. You may not take **salmon** in the tributaries of the Copper River and waters of the Copper River not in the Upper Copper River District.

Gear:

You may take **fish** by gear listed in this part, unless restricted here or by a subsistence fishing permit.

You may take **salmon** only by the following types of gear:

- Glennallen Subdistrict. By fishwheels, rod and reel, or dip nets; and in salt water by gillnets and seines.
- You must personally operate the fishwheel or dip net. You may not loan or transfer a subsistence fishwheel or dip net permit, except as permitted.
- You may not rent, lease, or otherwise use your fishwheel used for subsistence fishing for personal gain.
- You must register your fishwheel with ADF&G.
- Your registration number and name and address must be permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fishwheel when the fishwheel is in the water. A wood or metal plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing your name and address in letters and numerals at least one inch high, must be attached to each fishwheel so that the name and address are plainly visible.
- Only the current year's registration number may be attached to the fishwheel. Remove any other registration number from the fishwheel.
- You must remove the fishwheel from the water at the end of the permit period.

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REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

- You may operate only one fishwheel at any one time.
- You may not set or operate a fishwheel within 75 feet of another fishwheel.
- No fishwheel may have more than two baskets.

You may take **herring spawn on kelp** only by a hand-held, unpowered blade-cutting device. You must cut kelp plant blades at least four inches above the stipe (stem). The provisions of this paragraph does not apply to *Fucus* species.

Permit Information:

The following applies to Upper Copper River District subsistence salmon fishing permits:

- Only one type of gear may be specified on a permit.
- Only one permit per year may be issued to a household.
- You must return your permit no later than October 31, or you may be denied a permit for the following year.
- If your household has an ADF&G Chitina Subdistrict subsistence salmon fishing permit, you will not be issued a Copper River subsistence salmon fishing permit.
- Only one permit holder at a time may operate a fishwheel. That permit holder needs to mark the fishwheel with their current year's registration number and name and address. These must be permanently affixed and plainly visible on the fishwheel when the fishwheel is in the water. A wood or metal plate at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing your name and address in letters and numerals at least one inch high, must be attached to each fishwheel so that the name and address are plainly visible.
- Only the permit holder and the authorized member of the household listed on the subsistence permit may take salmon;
- A permit holder must record on ADF&G forms all salmon taken immediately after landing the salmon.

The total annual possession limit for an Upper Copper River District subsistence salmon fishing permit is, as follows:

- For a household with one person, 30 salmon, and no more than five of those 30 salmon may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net;
- For a household with two persons, 60 salmon, and no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; plus 10 salmon for each additional person in a household over two, except that the household's limit for chinook salmon taken by dip net does not increase;
- Additional salmon permits may be requested and will be issued for no more than a total of 200 salmon for a permit issued to a household with one person, of which no more than five may be chinook salmon if taken by dip net; or no more

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REGULATIONS (CONTINUED):

A subsistence fishing permit may be issued to a village council, or other similarly qualified organization whose members operate fishwheels for subsistence purposes in the **Upper Copper River District**, to operate fishwheels on behalf of members of its village or organization. A permit may only be issued following approval by ADF&G of a harvest assessment plan to be administered by the permitted council or organization. The harvest assessment plan must include:

- Provisions for recording daily catches for each fishwheel
- Sample data collection forms
- Location and number of fishwheels
- The full legal name of the individual responsible for the lawful operation of each fishwheel
- Any other information necessary for effective resource management.

The following additional provisions apply to subsistence fishing permits issued under this paragraph:

- The permit must list all households and household members for whom the fishwheel is being operated;
- The allowable harvest may not exceed the combined seasonal limits for the households listed on the permit; the permittee must notify the department when households are added to the list, and the seasonal limit may be adjusted accordingly;
- Members of households listed on a permit issued to a village council or other similarly qualified organization, are not eligible for a separate household subsistence fishing permit for the Upper Copper River District.
- You may not possess salmon taken with an Upper Copper River district subsistence fishing permit, unless both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin have been immediately removed from the salmon.

In locations open to commercial salmon fishing other than described for the Upper Copper River District, the annual subsistence salmon limit is as follows:

- For a household with one person, 15 salmon;
- For a household with two persons, 30 salmon, and 10 salmon for each additional person in a household;
- No more than five **king salmon** may be taken per permit.